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HUGHES IN PHILADELPHIA

MR. HUGHES comes tonight to the Gibraltar of Republicanism. He comes primarily as the apostle of efficiency in the conduct of national affairs.

The necessity for Hughes is not based, however, on the failures or shortcomings of the Wilson Administration so much as on the traditional attitude of mind common to Democrats, which in itself negates their proposals for retention in power.

Mr. Wilson and his party have admitted that their historic tariff policy must be abandoned. In searching for a substitute they have come nearer and nearer to Republican theory, but with a well-defined hatred of it always in their minds and a distinct purpose to let the country have only so much protection as will prevent absolute disaster and not enough to assure the continuance of the real property which is a prerequisite to future growth and development.

IT WAS asserted at one time that Philadelphia's devotion to protection constituted reliance on a weak prop, because it made the city's prosperity dependent on a policy which the city itself could not determine.

The argument might have held at a period when manufacturing was almost wholly an eastern activity. But the growth of manufacturing has more than kept pace with the growth in population. Where an erroneous national economic policy a generation or two ago would have spelled ruin only to Philadelphia and a few other centers of population, it would now mean disaster for city after city and State after State, embracing the greater part both of the wealth and the population of the nation.

There is no question that the city must have additional revenue. With the water works and the gas works yielding the treasury about three millions annually in net profits, without having cost the taxpayers a single dollar, it is reasonable to suppose that a chief hope of relief from burdensome levies lies in the prompt completion of the city transit system.

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Mr. Wilson guilty of the atrocious working statement in which his supporters and hangers-on were his innocent victims in the conduct of affairs, the remedy for Hughes would not be less than that of man who would do for President Wilson in 1916 as the kind of man who did for Lincoln in 1860.

and the perplexities of the day cry for the Hughes type of mind, the Hughes type of training and the Hughes viewpoint, which is the Republican viewpoint of sobriety in the treatment of public affairs, as opposed to government by impulse in the interest of agrarianism.

WAR AT OUR GATES

AMUNITIONS trade valued at \$75,000,000 a month and forming one-seventh of all American exports is at a stroke threatened with paralysis by the exploit of the U.S. Allied military efficiency and American industrial and commercial stability will upon the showdown of the full strength of the Kaiser's new submarine campaign to learn their future. Our national interests are gravely imperiled.

The war zone has suddenly been stretched clear across the Atlantic to our gates, without an hour's warning to give our Government opportunity to study the import of the new situation or devise a policy to meet it. A determined party in the Reichstag has been demanding of the Imperial Chancellor a reversal of the humane policy which America enforced upon his unwilling Emperor.

There is nothing yet to show that the essential principles laid down by President Wilson and accepted by Germany have been repudiated. The crews of the torpedoed vessels were given warning. Neutral ships were sunk, but neutral ships carrying contraband are liable to attack. Americans were among those who were compelled to take to the small boats, a risky business at this time of year, but no loss of life has as yet been reported.

THE parade and reception of the home-coming guardsmen today are more than the warm expression of ties of blood and neighborliness toward Philadelphia who went across the continent prepared to uphold American honor at the cost of their young lives. They are also heartily in the spirit of the preparedness demonstrations in all parts of the country which brought to its senses a Congress that had too long delayed to strengthen army and navy in a time of universal menace and uncertainty.

Evidence multiply that a "Pennsylvania First and Efficient" crowd has got control of the football situation at the University.

Why all this secrecy about the letter from the president of the Chamber of Commerce urging that an outside transit expert be called in? Is there anything in it that somebody is ashamed of?

There has never been any disposition in Philadelphia to question the good faith of the Brooklyn team, and a victory for it would be received with a great deal of enthusiasm in this community. But Philadelphia will be pardoned if she does not bet that way.

We can find no record of the responsible officers of the P. R. T. ever having said that the company is opposed to carrying out the co-operative agreement. Can it be possible that the Mayor is taking opposition for granted, thereby reflecting on the good faith of men who have always stood high in this community?

It is not often that we call attention in these columns to our fiction. "The Heart of the Sunset," however, is so saturated with information about conditions in Mexico and along the border that the reading of it will be of real value to those who wish to be informed. When information is given in such palatable form it is well worth taking.

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Tom Daly's Column

PUTTING INTO THE WORLD'S SERIES A bare quintet of runs By Brooklyn's heavy gun. Were gathered in 'off shore.' Off shore a U-boat came Next day to play its game And equalled Boston's score.

A BUSY housekeeper in Logan telephoned to Strawbridge & Clothier to call for some goods to be exchanged. Meantime a quantity of rubbish, including many tin cans, rags and bottles, which she had stowed into a pasteboard box measuring some three feet by eight, was lying on the front porch awaiting the ashman.

More Conversation I thought you admired my intellect My liberal mind and free, But never a moment did I suspect That you loved me.

I thought that you thrilled at my throbbing brain, My cultured frocosee, But it seems that my knowledge was all in vain, For you loved me.

If you had told me that you loved me true, You might have escaped mishap; For I've learned to admire, instead of you, Another chap. MARIE.

BOSTON, Oct. 3.—Announcement was made today of the engagement of Miss Margaret Weston Draper, of Washington, to Prince Andrea Boncompagni, of Roma.

Boncompagni, eh? Oh, hear them at his bachelor supper: Et esse allways Fair weathers, W'en good falls Gats together!

One of our contribs honors our sporting page today with a baseball poem that's destined to live next door to "Casey at the Bat." Read it.

Millennial Menus These three d'uxe meals will be served daily in Lombard street:

Breakfast Watermelon Crackline Hominy Pork Chops, Brown Gravy Hoe Cake

Dinner Fried Chicken Crab Soup Stewed Chicken Roast Poultry Sweet Potatoes Pine Stick Spare Ribs Roast Chicken Watermelon Gin

Supper Fried Cabbage Fried Liver Watermelon

Sir—I am seeking my prototype. Will you please tell me who was the female counterpart of Job? ANGELA.

We are informed by the Missus that her name is Legion.

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EXTRACT FROM A LETTER I would felicitate you on your happy ode, "In Praise of Scrupple." It nearly brought tears to my eyes, for in long sojourning in Latin lands, where I have tasted all the delicacies of the Cordon Bleu, from fillet de sole aux moulet et crevettes, Chef Marghey himself (bah for your Bellevue-Stratford imitator) to genuine Neapolitan devilfish, still I yearned for scrupple. Bouillabaisse has found its bard in Thackeray, the fame of the ballad thereof having been, as you know, almost hymned in character to the gourmet world, but, sir, I abate not one jot of my admiration of "Praise of Scrupple," and maintain the subtle rhyme, slow rhythmic "twirlers" and bold "dies" over the fence of fancy, may yet win for it the pennant of the poetic gastronomic world. G. A. W.

We accept I desire to nominate your column as official censor of grammar and spelling in movies exhibited in the State of Pennsylvania. Many otherwise good shows are spoiled by atrocious mistakes in spelling and grammar in the descriptive text. A grateful public will applaud your efforts, even if the "Light of Happiness" doesn't appear on the film.

HOME-MADE POT-ROASTED SIRLOIN OF BEEF WITH CREAMED MACARONI AND CHEESE AU GRATIN, 50c

Beware the Bunkhound! Serving the City Beautiful He Bites All Unlovely Things

The Bunkhound is quite seriously indisposed. He slipped his leash on Friday and didn't return to his kennel until Saturday night. Search for him led first to City Hall, as the most promising field for his activities, but he hadn't been seen there. He was in a very bad way when he crept home at last and would touch no food whatever. His chief trouble, indeed, seemed to be indigestion. He looked up at us appealingly and gaped and gaged and pawed at his chops. Prying his jaws apart we found his gullet quite choked with shreds of cloth of various colors and bits of gilt braid and embroidered monograms such as are worn by liveried lackeys. Among the monograms we deciphered "St. J." "B. C." "B. R." "H. M.," and lodged between two back teeth we found a small brass button marked "Jed Roy." What good work can he have been engaged upon?

REDUCTIO AD ABSURDUM

UNBELIEF There is no unbeliever: Whoever plants a seed beneath the sod, He trusts in God.

OFFICIAL INCREDULITY It must be an awful shock to the municipal officials of Chicago to be told that gambling is going on daily there in an extensive way.

HUGHES'S REPLY TO WILSON The alternative of a weak and vacillating policy is not war; it is a firm insistence upon human rights in a world where all nations desire our friendship, and we desire the friendship of all, and where only the most inexcusable blundering could drag us into war.—Charles B. Hughes.



DESECRATION OF LINCOLN'S TOMB

Why the Sarcophagus Was Wrecked on the Night of Election Day in 1876 Has Never Been Explained—Was There a Plot to Steal the Body?

By JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS

IN THE winter of 1876 the chief of police of Springfield, Ill., was told by a woman that she had overheard certain criminals plot to open the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, steal his coffin, sink it in the Sangamon River and offer its return for \$200,000 ransom.

Eight months later Patrick D. Tyrrell, of the United States Secret Service, learned of a similar plot from Lewis C. Swegles, then being used by the Government detectives as a "stoopigeeon" or "roper." The ransom, according to Swegles, was to be the same as before, \$200,000. Certain St. Louis men, whose real names could not be determined, were said to be parties to the plot.

Continuous reports from Swegles indicated that he was in the close confidence of the conspirators. Early in November he warned the Secret Service men that the night of Tuesday, November 7, 1876, had been chosen for the crime, this date being that of the Hayes-Tilden election.

That particular time was selected because it was believed that the excitement incident to the receiving of election returns would shield the ghouls from any possible attention. The Secret Service men planned to hide in the tomb and allow the ghouls to actually steal the body before punishing upon them, but the dead President's son, Robert T. Lincoln, who had been taken into the confidence of the detectives, protested against their allow-

ing the plot to proceed to the point where profane hands might actually be laid upon his father's coffin. So it was agreed that the criminals should be caught in the tomb while endeavoring to open the grave.

The detectives' accomplice, Swegles, reported that he and two of the conspirators would leave Chicago on the evening before election day, and Tyrrell, the Secret Service operative, who had unearthed the case, saw his "stoopigeeon" with two determined-looking men jump aboard the Alton train, leaving Chicago at 9 p. m.

After what seemed an interminable wait, the countersign was whispered through the bars. The detectives opened the grated door and went cautiously around the hill, drawing their revolvers as they advanced. Going to the door of the catacomb they found that the staple containing the lock had been filed off and that the iron door stood ajar.

What Do You Know?

Quizzes of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

QUIZ

- 1. Mr. Wilson compares his opponents to those who led the cave Adolphus. Explain the allusion.
2. How long may an armed ship of a warring nation stay in a neutral port?
3. Explain the expression "to forbid the fairs."

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz

- 1. Cow's milk: 87.3 per cent water, 12.8 per cent solids.
2. Platinum was abandoned as material for fuses because of the high temperature required to melt it and its unstable value. It is also said to become impaled by insects in time.
3. "Conspicuous" means: very plain, security of the name of the case.

Population of Wilmington

P. O.—The population of Wilmington, according to the census of 1910, was 27,411. The estimated population on January 1, 1914, was 39,500. Since then there has been a great industrial boom there, and the population today is at least 100,000, and possibly 110,000.

Interpreting in the War Zone

A. R. A.—So well organized have the systems of the various armies become in more than two years of war that there is probably no pressing demand for American interpreters. An interpreter must be highly trustworthy, and an alien from a neutral country undertaking such service might be under suspicion.

Increasing One's Height

J. D.—There is no specific treatment for increasing one's height. The best one can do is to live a normal life and eat sufficient food. Bad habits and insufficient food, as a rule, stunt the growth, yet many persons with bad habits and insufficient food become very tall. However, there could be no harm in your leading a normal life in the hope that that might increase your height.

New York Accidents

R. B. O.—According to a recent report of the National Highway Protective Society of Accidents Due to Vehicular Traffic, sixty-nine persons were killed in the streets of New York city in September, and in six of these were children under sixteen years old.

THE BIRTH OF A NATION

Advertisement for 'The Birth of a Nation' film, showing a man in a suit and a woman in a dress. Text includes 'Chestnut St. Opera House' and 'LAST WEEK'.

TROUBLES OF PRESIDENT

Others Beside Mr. Wilson Face "Perplexities" Mr. Baker says (in an article on "The Troubles of President Wilson" in Collier's): "No President certainly has been confronted by such a series of perplexities. This is a statement and it has been repeated so often that it has acquired almost an official character. Lincoln, Washington, and all our consulting the books we recall that John Adams' perplexities included the first Civil War, the dislodgment of Madison from the White House, and the problems that arose after the war, the two years of his own party and finally his impeachment by the House of Representatives. Grant's perplexities included the Civil War, the Union-Cleveland had to deal with to dispose of two labor disturbances, the country to struggle against the agitation for flat money and the difficulty to threaten war with Great Britain, the comparatively uneventful Harrison administration was marked by an acute disagreement with Chili and danger of the Baltimore affair; and McKinley not only confronted the possibility of war, he was compelled to lead the country into war in the face of open military and implied threats by the government of the United States. There must have been perplexities in all these events, yet it is not a matter of record that the President concerned regarded them as mounting and combined as the burdens which their own ambitions had placed on their shoulders. Furthermore, in most cases they really settled the problems.—Collier's.

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